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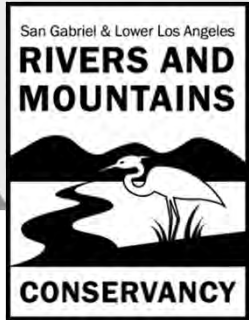
# Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Proposition 1 ("The Water Bond")

Public Workshops

July 23, 27, 28, & 30, 2015



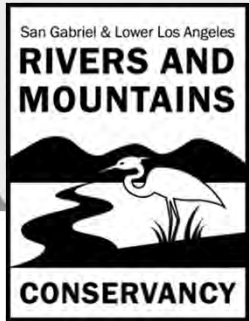


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## Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Our mission is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdiction.



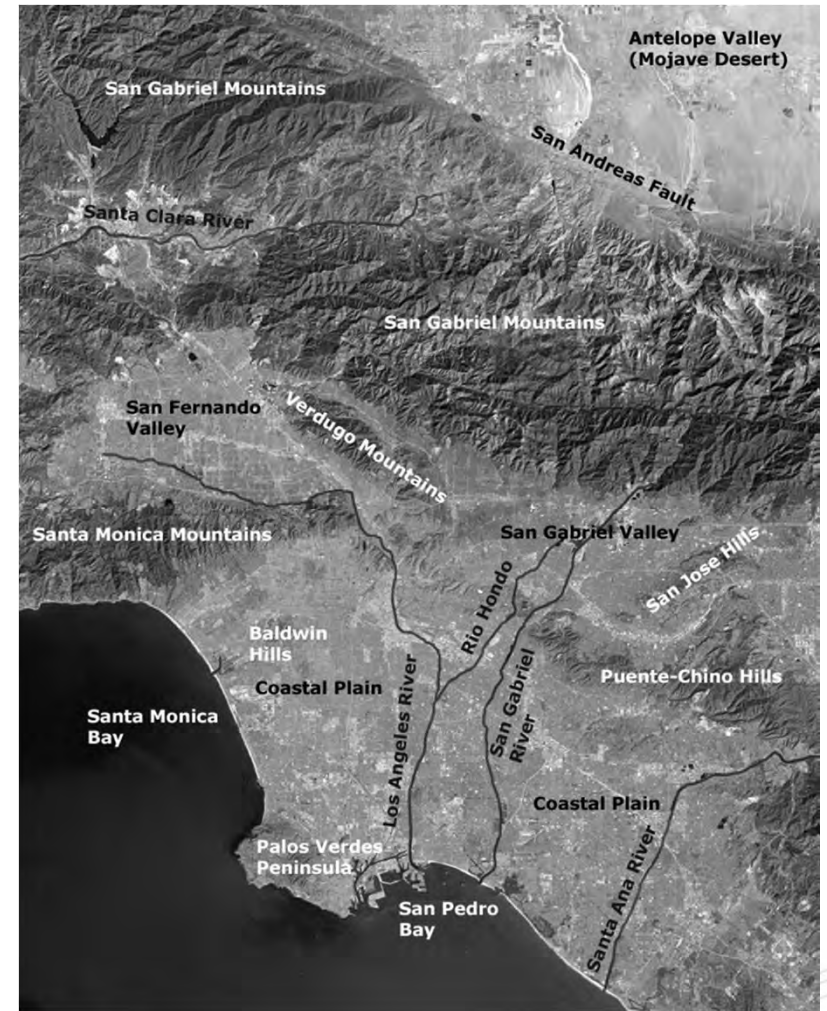


# Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

## RMC Background:

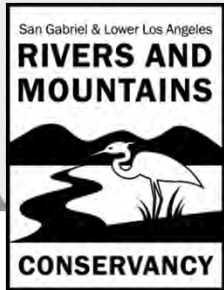
Created in 1999; 1 of 10 State Conservancies

- Catchment area includes 68 cities and portions of Los Angeles and Orange County
- Member of three Joint Powers Authorities
  - Watershed Conservation Authority
  - Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
  - San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority

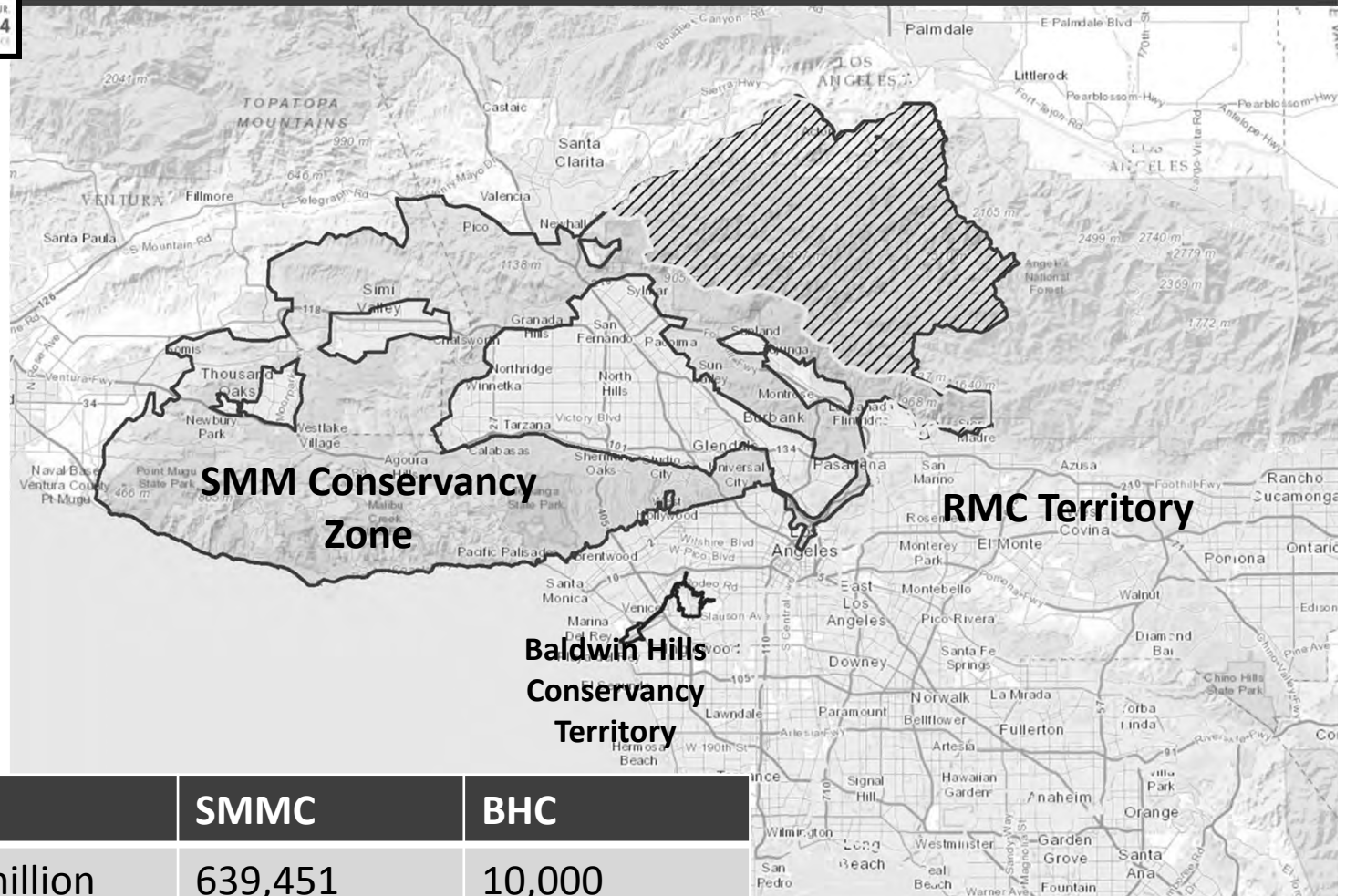


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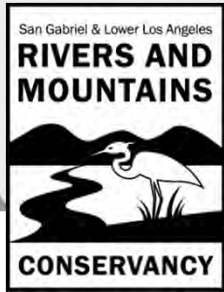




# Three Southern CA Conservancies

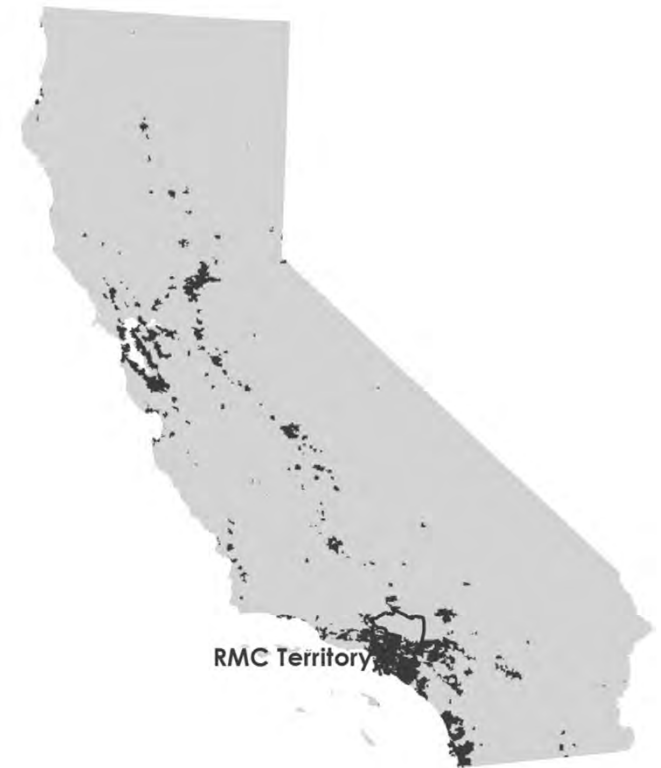


	RMC	SMMC	BHC
Population	4.8 million	639,451	10,000
Acreage	950,000	646,000	2,700 acres
Square Miles	1,480 sq. mi	1,000 sq. mi	4.2 sq. mi



# Urban Conservancy and JPA Representing

- RMC is truly an urban conservancy covering a Population of 4.8 million residents
- 1.86 million of the region's residents live in Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- 2 out of 3 residents of Greater Los Angeles region residents are impacted disproportionately by pollution



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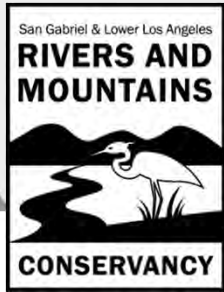


## City Survey

- ❖ 44 Cities from throughout RMC territory submitted projects
- ❖ 70 Projects were submitted for a total of \$276 million
- ❖ Projects included open space development, water storage and capacity, and infrastructure restoration
- Key concerns from cities included:
  - Project readiness
  - Lack of staff capacity to ensure readiness for call for projects

River Wilderness Park, Azusa





## Remaining Bond Balances

The RMC has received approximately \$105,960,000 from Propositions 13, 40, 50, and 84. Remaining balances:

Prop. 13 - \$0

Prop. 40 - \$0

Prop. 50 - \$641,221

Prop. 84 - \$4,615,751



These funds have provided over 195 projects to cities and NGO's assisting in the completion of numerous parks, including trails and land acquisitions, planning efforts and region-wide projects. These efforts have resulted in approximately 3,544 acres of new parkland throughout our watershed.

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# Proposition 1 Water Bond

The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for state water supply and infrastructure projects

Proposition 1 will provide funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.

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## Other Proposition 1 Funding Sources

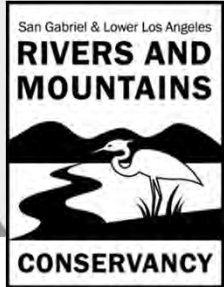
### **PROPOSITION 1 (Ch. 6) -Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters, and Watersheds – \$1,495,000,000**

**<http://bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov>**

- ❖ State Coastal Conservancy, including funds for the San Francisco Bay Conservancy region, the Santa Ana River watershed, the Tijuana River watershed, the Otay River watershed, Catalina Island, and the central coast region **\$100,500,000**
- ❖ Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for projects that result in enhanced stream flows **\$200,000,000**
- ❖ Projects to protect and enhance urban creeks and their tributaries in areas served by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy **\$100,000,000**
- ❖ Multi-benefit watershed and urban rivers enhancement projects in urban watersheds to increase regional and local water self-sufficiency **\$20,000,000**

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# RMC Proposition 1 Priorities

The RMC will seek to prioritize multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

The RMC will set the following priority areas:

- ❖ Water Sustainability and Resiliency
- ❖ Disadvantaged Communities/Environmental Justice
- ❖ Wetland Restoration
- ❖ Urban Greening along the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers
- ❖ Climate Change Adaptation and Greenhouse Gas Reductions



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# RMC Proposition 1 Priorities

## ALL GRANTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- **Common Ground**-RMC's Watershed and Open Space Plan for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers. Created as a requirement of the statute which created the RMC
- **RMC Environmental Justice Policy**-Policy with three key environmental justice principles: (1) community driven empowerment & organizing campaigns, 2) identification of incompatible land uses, and 3) recognize opportunities to create green infrastructure such as community open space and alternative transportation modes including bicycling and walking
- **Human Right to Water**-California Assembly Bill 685 ("Bill 685"), colloquially known as the Human Right to Water Bill, became effective on January 1, 2013. Assemblyman Mike Eng's bill provides every human being the "right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes."
- **California Water Action Plan**-Governor Brown's roadmap for the first five years of the state's journey toward sustainable water management. One of three objectives must be met:
  - 1) More reliable water supplies
  - 2) Restoration of important species and habitat
  - 3) More resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure

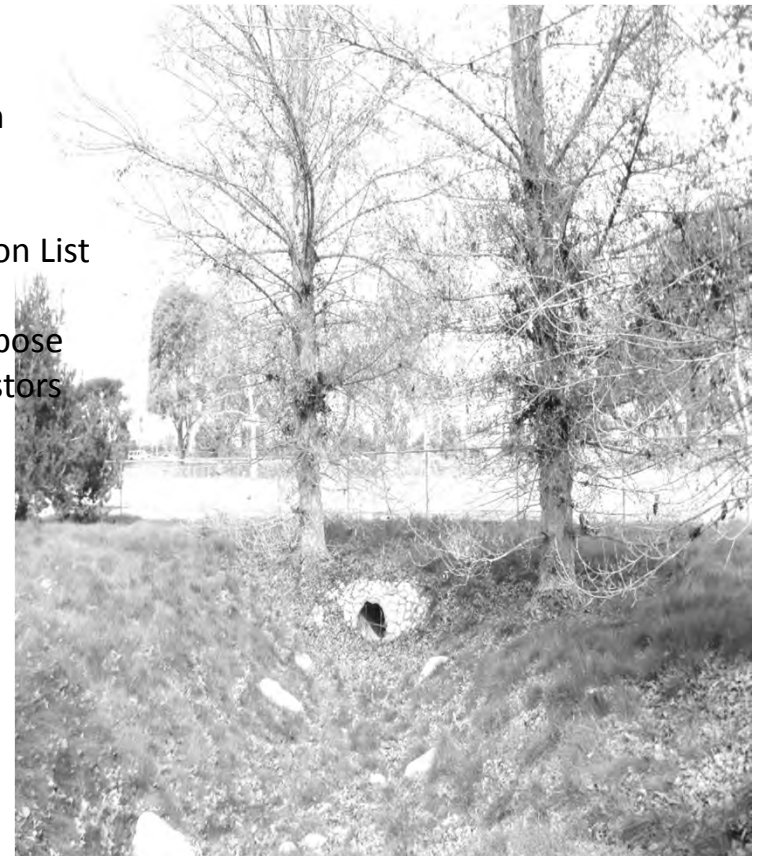




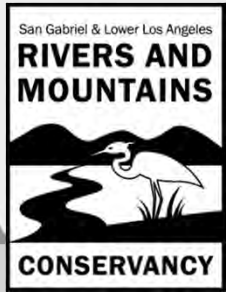
# Eligible Applicants

All proposed projects must be located within the boundaries of the RMC and include:

- ❖ Public Agencies
- ❖ Public Utilities that are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission
- ❖ Federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List
- ❖ Mutual Water Companies shall have a clear and definite public purpose and shall benefit the customers of a water system and not the investors
- ❖ Cities and Counties
- ❖ Joint Powers Agencies
- ❖ Nonprofit organizations (existing under Section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code) and whose purposes are consistent the RMC's enabling legislation



Individuals and corporations are not eligible for this grant program; however RMC encourages multiple partners or joint projects. As long as the applicant is a listed eligible applicants, applications will be accepted from joint projects with non-eligible agencies.



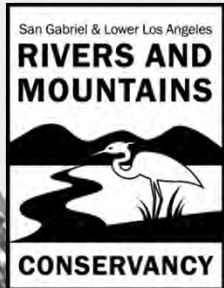
# Eligible Costs

## PROPOSITION 1 ELIGIBLE COSTS

- ❖ Acquisition
- ❖ Water Conservation, Treatment and Improvement Restoration
- ❖ Projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ❖ Indirect Costs





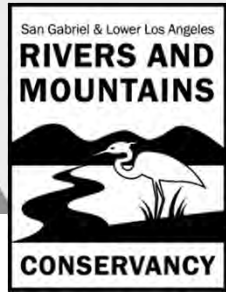


## Program Areas

❖ URBAN LANDS

❖ RIVER/TRIBUTARY PARKWAYS

❖ MOUNTAINS, HILLS, AND FOOTHILLS



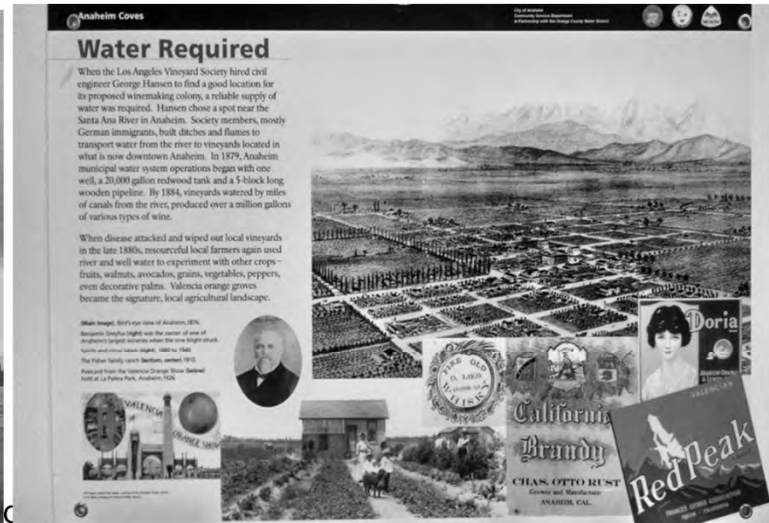
# Peck Water Conservation Park



Partnership with LA County Parks & Recreation who designed improvements and implemented by LACC. \$600K RMC grant covered improvements for new entry way, native garden, plaza and meadow with annual grasses and interpretive signage.



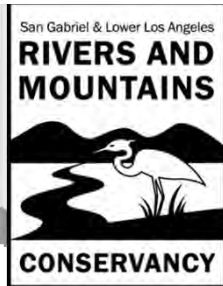
# Anaheim Coves/Burris Pit Park Development



**Public access improvement along the Santa Ana River via a new trail system. \$3.4 million in RMC funds included 2 observation decks, 2.6 mile ADA accessible trail loop, interpretive panels, trail signage, staging area with restroom, drinking fountains, parking, safety fencing, trash receptacles and benches.**







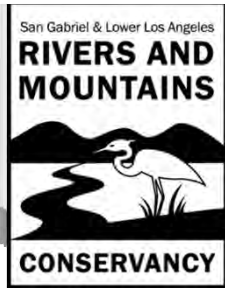
## Project Examples with Water Quality Components



### Discovery Sports Complex Columbia Memorial Space Center, Downey

\$500K Grant to City of Downey for passive recreation and interpretive concepts, including trail signage, lighting, trash receptacles, benches, shaded areas, amphitheater, plants, picnic tables, and stormwater retention basin. Adjacent to the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.



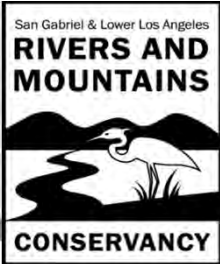


# Project Examples with Water Quality Components

## El Dorado Nature Center, Long Beach



\$827,000 Grant to City of Long Beach for improvements to existing trails including trail restoration, two bridge replacements, demonstration riparian area, and new islands of habitat and signage along the streambed.



# Project Evaluation Criteria

- ❖ **Restore River Parkways (10 points)**
- ❖ **Educational/Interpretive Signage\* (2 points)**
- ❖ **Habitat and Restoration Resource Values (20-35 points)**
- ❖ **Matching Funds (15 points)**
- ❖ **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities (30-35 points)**
- ❖ **Multi-beneficial and Multi-jurisdictional (10 points)**
- ❖ **Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value (3 points)**
- ❖ **Stewardship and Management Plan Value (5 points)**
- ❖ **Water Sustainability, Water Storage and Water Infrastructure (10 points)**
- ❖ **Urban Land (5-10 points)**
- ❖ **Water Resource and Water Quality (20 points)**

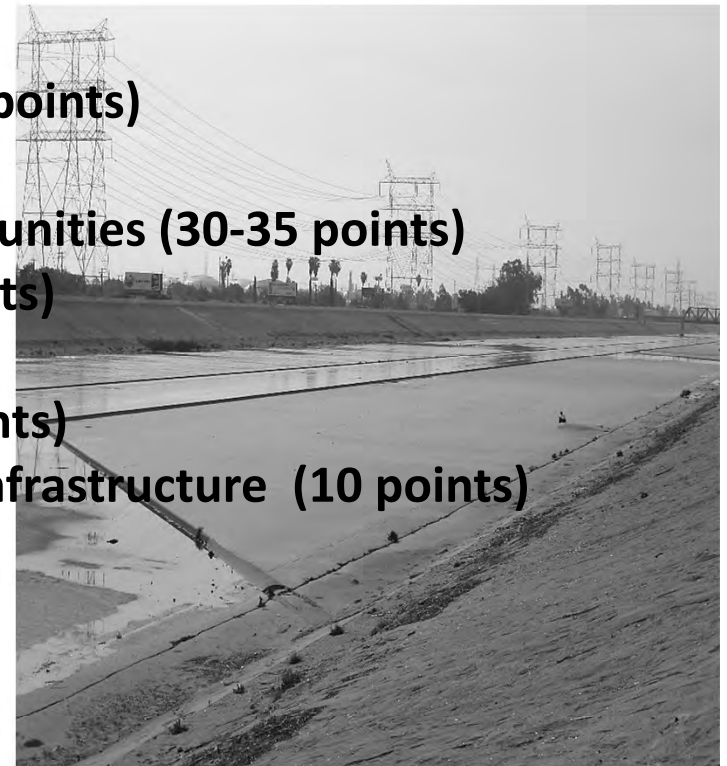
\*These project elements may provide additional information for evaluating the project but are not eligible costs under Proposition 1.

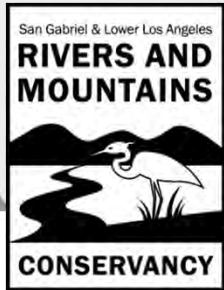
## **TOTAL POINTS:**

**Urban Lands = 140**

**Rivers/Tributaries = 145**

**Mountains/Foothills = 130**



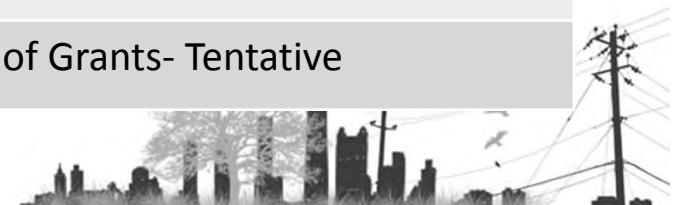


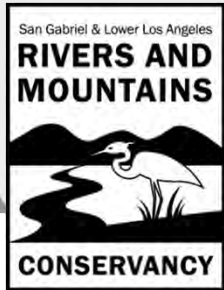
# Funding Time Frame 2015

## Timeline

Current Date	Action
July 23, 27, 28, & 30, 2015	Public Workshops, Review of Grant Program Guidelines & Public Comments
July 10-August 14, 2015	Public Comment Period
August 14-22, 2015	Revisions to Guidelines
August 24, 2015	Submit Guidelines to Natural Resources- Final Review
September 28, 2015	RMC Board approval for Guidelines
October – December 2015	Assemble Project Review Teams and Develop Grant Agreement language
September 28-December 16, 2015	Call for Projects Phase
December 16, 2015	Due Date of RMC Grant Proposals
March 2016	RMC Board Approval of Grants- Tentative

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## Public Comment

**Submit comments by  
August 14, 2015**

**Email or submit comments  
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